

leadership and great skill have played a good part in the successes obtained. On a recent occasion, Squadron Leader Bennett participated in an attack on a large merchant vessel which was escorted by other ships and by fighter aircraft. By his gallant leadership, good judgment and resource, this officer contributed materially to the success of the sortie. He has at all times displayed great keenness and devotion to duty.

Acting Squadron Leader Lorne Maxwell CAMERON (Can/J.15378), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 401 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer led a large formation of fighters detailed to escort a very large force of bombers on an operational mission in March, 1944. Throughout the sortie, during which several enemy aircraft were shot down, Squadron Leader Cameron displayed great skill and determination and played a good part in the success achieved. He has invariably displayed high courage, setting an example which has been reflected in the fine fighting qualities of the squadron he commands.

Acting Squadron Leader Stanley William KELLOW (89825), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 489 (N.Z.) Squadron.

This officer has participated in several successful attacks on shipping. In January, 1944, he led a formation of aircraft in an attack on a convoy. In spite of heavy opposition, the attack was successfully pressed home. In a recent attack on shipping, Squadron Leader Kellow obtained a hit on a medium sized merchant vessel. This officer has displayed leadership, skill and courage of a high standard.

Flight Lieutenant John NIBLETT (47516), Royal Air Force, No. 198 Squadron.

This officer has completed a large number of sorties and throughout has displayed a high degree of skill, courage and resolution. His successes include the destruction of at least 5 enemy aircraft and several damaging attacks on barges and tugs. He is a most efficient flight commander, whose achievements have been highly commendable.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Charles Curnow SCHERF (Aus.413671), Royal Australian Air Force, No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties at night during which he has attacked a variety of targets with much success. He has at all times displayed exceptional keenness and his example of courage

and determination has been worthy of great praise. He has destroyed 4 enemy aircraft at night.

Flying Officer John Todd CAINE (Can/J.22379), Royal Canadian Air Force, No. 418 (R.C.A.F.) Squadron.

This officer has completed many sorties during which he has shot down 4 enemy aircraft, 2 of them at night; he has also destroyed 2 more on the ground. He has displayed exceptional devotion to duty and his successes are an excellent tribute to his skill and determination.

Flying Officer William Michael DAVIES (136020), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 227 Squadron.

Flying Officer Davies is a gallant and resourceful pilot, whose keenness to engage the enemy has always been apparent. He has participated in a very large number of sorties, including many successful attacks on shipping. On a recent occasion he took part in an attack on a heavily-escorted merchant vessel. Despite fierce anti-aircraft fire, Flying Officer Davies dived to attack the leading escort vessel which he raked from stem to stern with cannon and machine gun fire. Throughout the operation this officer displayed outstanding determination, setting a praiseworthy example.

Flying Officer Arthur Hubert ELLIS (123836), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 179 Squadron.

This officer has displayed great skill, courage and resolution in several engagements with the enemy's under water craft. On one occasion, in January, 1944, his aircraft sustained severe damage, making it very difficult to control. Despite this, Flying Officer Ellis pressed home his attack and afterwards flew the damaged aircraft to base. This officer has participated in a very large number of sorties and has displayed outstanding keenness and great devotion to duty.

Flying Officer Ernest Leopold WILLIAMS (80424), Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, No. 605 Squadron.

This officer is a courageous and determined fighter, whose keenness to inflict loss on the enemy has always been evident. He has completed a large number of sorties during which he has attacked airfields and a variety of other targets, including rail and road transport, with good results. Amongst his other successes, Flying Officer Williams has destroyed 5 enemy aircraft at night. His example has been worthy of the highest praise.

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